

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10 and 13-18 are rejected. Claims 5, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 19 are objected to because of their dependency from rejected base claims.

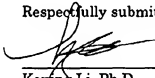
By the above claim amendments, applicants have cancelled Claims 5, 7-10 and 18-19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants further amended Claims 1, 11 and 14, to incorporate recitations from cancelled Claim 5, and to make Claim 11 and 14 independent, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance and earnestly await an early indication from the Examiner to that effect.

If there are questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #: 056207.50838US).

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